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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Johannes Dapprich
FOR: METHOD OF ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37
C.F.R. §1.53(b)

1. This is a request for filing a continuing patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This application claims priority to nonprovisional patent application (serial number unknown), filed December 8, 2000, entitled "Method of Isolating a Nucleic Acid", and to USSN 60/170,140, filed December 10, 2000 .
2. This application is a total of 37 pages.
This application includes:
21 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)
4 pages of claims (20 claims)
1 page of abstract
11 pages of Figures.
3. Also included is a Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney (unsigned) (3 pages).
4. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a) \$710.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	20	- 20 =	0	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	2	- 3 =	0	\$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	0	0	0	\$270.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL:					\$710.00
Less 50% for small entity					\$355.00
TOTAL FEE:					\$355.00

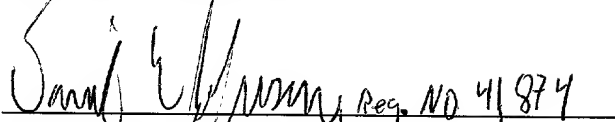
5. A check (#7415) in the amount of \$355.00 is enclosed.
6. Small entity status is appropriate for this application.

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7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No.: 22650-001 CIP.
8. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivor R. Elrifi', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the text 'Reg. NO 41874' is handwritten.

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